

HOUSE BILL 1975  
By Phillips

AN ACT providing for the erection of an historical plaque at the  
Routt-Wells Cemetery in Lincoln County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tennessee Historical Commission is hereby directed to erect a plaque of appropriate size and design at the Routt-Wells Cemetery which borders the Fayetteville city limits in Lincoln County.

SECTION 2. The purpose for erecting such plaque shall be to recognize and commemorate the cultural and historical significance of the Routt-Wells Cemetery which is the final resting place for several Revolutionary War soldiers. Such plaque shall bear the following language:

PIONEER CEMETERY

Immediately to the east lies an old cemetery that was established at an early date along the Great Road to Twickingham, now Huntsville, Alabama, over which General Andrew Jackson and his Volunteers marched in 1813 to the Creek War. Revolutionary Soldiers Benjamin Porter and Benjamin Rowe and an early settler Peyton Wells and members of their families, with many other pioneers are buried here. Wells established a first grist mill, prior to 1809, up the hollow to the south. Porter was buried here in 1828 and Rowe in 1849.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not become operative unless specific funding for the erection of such plaque is provided for in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1996-1997.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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